State of California **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS CTC Meeting: February 26-27, 2003

Reference No.: 2.1b.(4)

Information Item

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Chief Financial Officer Division Chief

Transportation Programming

Ref: STIP AMENDMENT 02S-052 NOTICE

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has requested that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the February 2003 Commission meeting, and be considered for approval in April. This notice is an informational item allowing the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in April 2003 or later.

The LACMTA proposes to shift a total of \$316,832,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds from four state highway projects and ten local road projects to three new STIP transit projects. The RIP funds will be used to replace all remaining unallocated Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds on the three transit projects. This amendment will leave three partially funded state highway projects, one partially funded local road project, and will delete nine other local road projects. The amendment also shifts Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds between two highway projects (PPNO: 2808A and PPNO: 0151E). LACMTA also requests a total of \$98,000,000 in State-Only Funds for the San Fernando East-West Corridor project (PPNO: 2891). LACMTA also requests that the Commission designate all three transit projects as reimbursement projects per AB 3090. Los Angeles County Proposition "C" 25% Funds will be used to advance the project delivery now for later funds reimbursement in the programmed years as specified by this amendment. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the amendment including AB 3090 request be discussed at the February 2003 meeting.

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BACKGROUND:

The Governor's proposed budget suspended the funding for the TCRP. LACMTA prioritized the three transit projects below for immediate programming using RIP funds. LACMTA proposes to move a total of \$316,832,000 in RIP funds from the four state highway and ten local road projects to three transit projects. This reprogramming allows LACMTA to accommodate the funding shortfall resulting from the suspension of TCRP funds to preserve the federal funding on San Fernando East-West Corridor project (PPNO: 2891), to begin construction of Eastside Light Rail project (PPNO: 2890), and to acquire 200 Compressed Natural Gas, 60-foot articulated buses immediately.

Details of the Three Transit Projects:

- 1) PPNO 2890: Eastside Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. Currently programmed with \$236,000,000 of TCRP funds for Plan, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), Right of Way (R/W), and Construction (CON). A total \$45,000,000 of TCRP funds already allocated for PS&E and R/W. The remaining balance of \$191,000,000 for CON (\$100,398,000 in FY 2005-06 and \$90,602,000 in FY 2006-07) is replaced with RIP funds.
- 2) PPNO 2891: San Fernando East-West Corridor project. Currently programmed with \$145,000,000 of TCRP funds for PS&E, R/W, and CON. A total \$47,000,000 of TCRP funds was allocated already for PS&E and R/W. The remaining balance of \$98,000,000 for CON (\$18,743,000 in FY 2002-03, \$2,263,000 in FY 2003-04, and \$76,994,000 in FY 2005-06) is replaced with RIP funds. Also, LACMTA is requesting a total of \$98,000,000 of State-Only Funds for this project since this project has not received federal environmental clearance.
- 3) PPNO 3317: Low Emission Bus Acquisition project. Currently programmed with \$150,000,000 of TCRP funds to acquire up to 570 buses. No TCRP allocations have been approved by the Department to date. A total \$27,832,000 (\$4,629,000 in FY 2004-05 and \$23,203,000 in FY 2005-06) of RIP funds is needed immediately to acquire 200 Compressed Natural Gas, 60-foot articulated buses. The balance of \$122,168,000 will be addressed as part of future bus procurement.

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Details of the Four Highway Projects:

- PPNO 2808: Interstate 5, from Orange County Line to Route 605, Widening project. Currently programmed with \$183,520,000 of RIP funds for Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED), PS&E, R/W, R/W support, CON, and CON support. A total \$181,527,000 of RIP funds is shifted to the three transit projects and a total \$517,000 of RIP funds is shifted to the PPNO 2808A. A total \$17,000,000 of IIP funds from R/W are shifted to PS&E (\$12,599,000) and R/W Support (\$4,401,000) to restore the funding lost due to the RIP fund shifts.
- 2) PPNO 2808A: Interstate 5, from Orange County Line to Route 605 Widening and Interchange Modifications project. Currently programmed with \$35,996,000 of RIP funds for R/W and CON. A total \$517,000 of RIP funds are shifted to this project from PPNO 2808. A total \$750,000 of IIP funds is shifted to this project from PPNO 0151E.
- 3) PPNO 0151E: Interstate 5, Ultimate HOV/Empire Avenue Access Improvement project. Currently programmed with \$76,697,000 of RIP funds for PA&ED, PS&E, R/W, R/W support, CON, and CON support. A total \$62,847,000 of RIP funds is shifted to the three transit projects. A total \$750,000 in IIP funds is shifted to PPNO 2808A.
- 4) PPNO 0158K: Interstate 5, HOV Lanes, from Route 170 to Route 118 project. Currently programmed with \$136,775,000 of RIP funds for PS&E, R/W, CON, and CON support. A total \$8,529,000 of RIP funds is shifted to the three transit projects. An equal amount of \$8,529,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds is added to this project to restore the funding. No net change to overall project funding.

Details of the Ten Local Road Projects:

A total of \$63,929,000 of RIP funds from these projects is shifted to the three transit projects. RIP funds on first nine STIP projects are deleted.

- 1. PPNO 2373: Hacienda Boulevard Realignment and Widening
- 2. PPNO 3119: South Bay Traffic Signal Corridors
- 3. PPNO 3120: San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Corridors
- 4. PPNO 3121: Gateway Cities Traffic Signals Corridors, Phase 4
- 5. PPNO 3091: Sepulveda Boulevard Tunnel Widening
- 6. PPNO 3109: North Spring Street Bridge Widening
- 7. PPNO 3113: Canoga Park ATSAC/ATCS
- 8. PPNO 3114: San Pedro ATSAC/ATCS
- 9. PPNO 3115: Reseda ATSAC/ATCS
- 10. PPNO 2232: Route 71 Mission Boulevard Interchange. A total of \$2,329,000 of RIP funds remain programmed for this project (\$619,000 for PS&E and \$1,710,000 for R/W).

LACMTA will be seeking to restore the funding on the projects impacted by this amendment from appropriate funding sources. LACMTA will seek an allocation of \$18,743,000 in State-Only Funds for the San Fernando East-West Corridor project, once the STIP amendment is approved.

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AB 3090 Request:

This request follows Advanced Local Funding and Reimbursement Guidelines (AB3090) which allows a Local Agency to use Local (non-state/non-federal) funds to complete a project component early, to be later reimbursed with STIP funds currently programmed on the project.

LACMTA is requesting the approval of this AB 3090 request for the Eastside LRT, San Fernando East-West Corridor, and Low Emission Bus Acquisition projects. LACMTA is requesting this approval so that they can:

- Complete the Full Federal Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) immediately to secure a total of \$491,000,000 in federal funds for the Eastside LRT project.
- Award a multi-year contract immediately for San Fernando Valley East-West Corridor project.
- Award a contract immediately for the Low Emission Bus Acquisition project.

An AB 3090 reimbursement agreement will be drafted and submitted for Commission staff review prior to the April 2003 Commission meeting. The Los Angeles County Proposition C 25% will be used to advance project delivery. If this amendment to reprogram as proposed is approved, the AB 3090 reimbursement schedule will be as follows:

- San Fernando Valley East-West Corridor: \$18,743,000 (State-Only Funds) in FY 2002-03, \$2,263,000 (State-Only Funds) in FY 2003-04, and \$76,994,000 (State-Only Funds) in FY 2005-06.
- Eastside LRT: \$100,398,000 in FY 2005-06 and \$90,602,000 in FY 2006-07.
- Low Emission Bus Acquisition: \$4,629,000 in FY 2004-05 and \$23,203,000 in FY 2005-06.

Attachments: RIP Summary Spreadsheet and IIP Summary Spreadsheet

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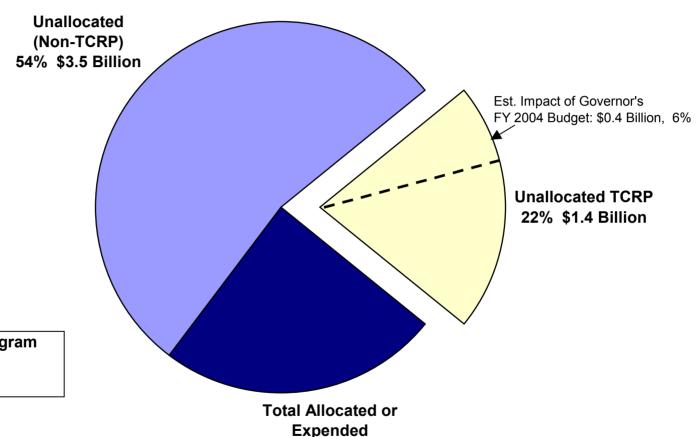


Presented to
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Thursday, February 27, 2003

Summary

- Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)
 Impacts on Los Angeles County
 - \$1.7 billion total program
 - \$1.4 billion unallocated TCRP
 - Unallocated TCRP funding is 22% of our \$6.5 billion program
 - Many TCRP projects are high priority projects in Los Angeles County

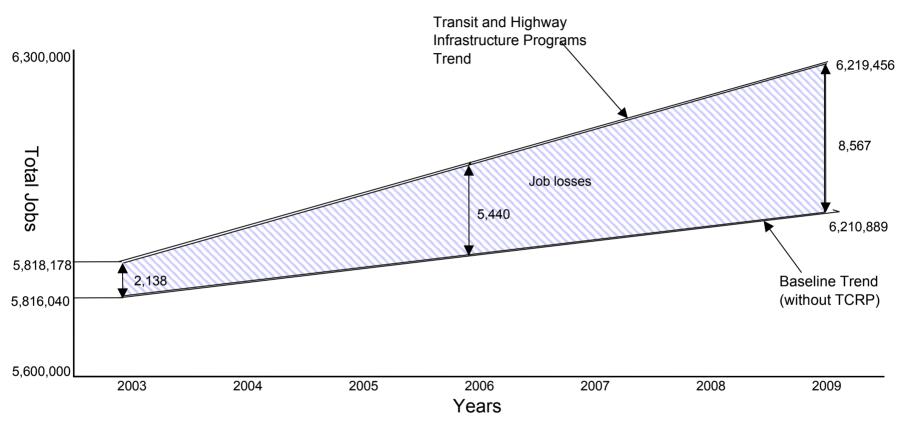
Impact of TCRP Suspension on Los Angeles County Regional Transportation Program



24% \$1.6 Billion

Total Regional Program FY 2003-2009: \$6.5 Billion

Estimated Job Losses in L.A. County if Unallocated TCRP Projects are Cancelled



For the entire period from FY 2003 to FY 2009, 38,000 annual full time equivalent jobs would be lost.

TCRP Funding is essential to the Los Angeles County economy

• LA is the 15th largest economy in the world

MTA Requesting Allocation, STIP Amendment, and AB 3090 Approvals to Avoid Negative Economic Impacts

Project	Bids Expire	Requested Funds	Total Project Cost
		(\$ In l	Millions)
Pasadena Gold Line Light Rail			
Vehicles (Allocation Request)	April 2, 2003	15.4	114.0
Low-Emission Bus Acquisition (AB 3090 Request)	April 12, 2003	27.8	126.4
San Fernando Valley East/West BRT (AB 3090 Request)	May 30, 2003	98.0	329.5
Los Angeles Eastside Light Rail Transit (AB 3090 Request)	August 25, 2003	191.0	912.7
Total		332.2	1,482.6

MTA Light Rail Vehicle Procurement

- 28 LRV's needed for Pasadena Gold Line ASAP
- Bids opened in Dec. 2002 lower than estimated
- Total project cost of \$114 million
- STIP includes a total cost of \$30 million
- CTC was scheduled to allocate \$15.4 million in Dec. 2002
- Bids will expire April 2, 2003
- MTA attempting to extend bid validity date

MTA Light Rail Vehicle Procurement



Consent Decree Related Bus Fleet Improvement Needs

- Federal Consent Decree relieves bus overcrowding
 - MTA bound to meet terms of Decree as defined by Federal Court
- Unallocated TCRP commitment for Buses was \$150 million
- AB 3090 approval for \$27 million needed prior to contract award
 - Repayment timeframe negotiable
 - \$27 million can be 100% federal funds
- Bids expire April 12, 2003

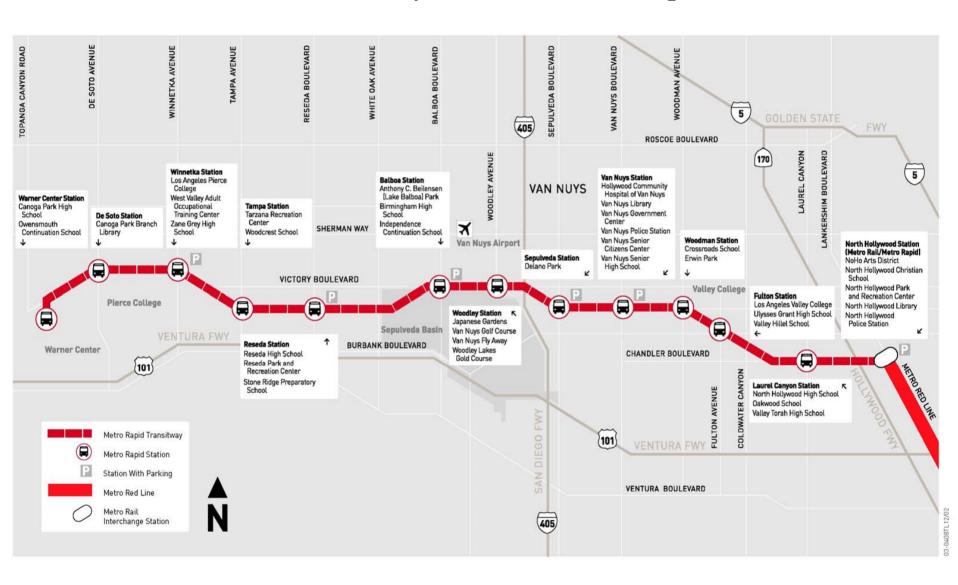
Low Emission Articulated Bus



San Fernando Valley East-West (BRT) Project

- Unallocated TCRP commitment was \$98 million
- AB 3090 approval for \$98 million in State-only funds needed prior to awarding bid
 - Repayment timeframe to MTA is negotiable
- Low bid is \$45.5 million less than high bid
- Bid expires May 30, 2003 (Contractor will not extend)

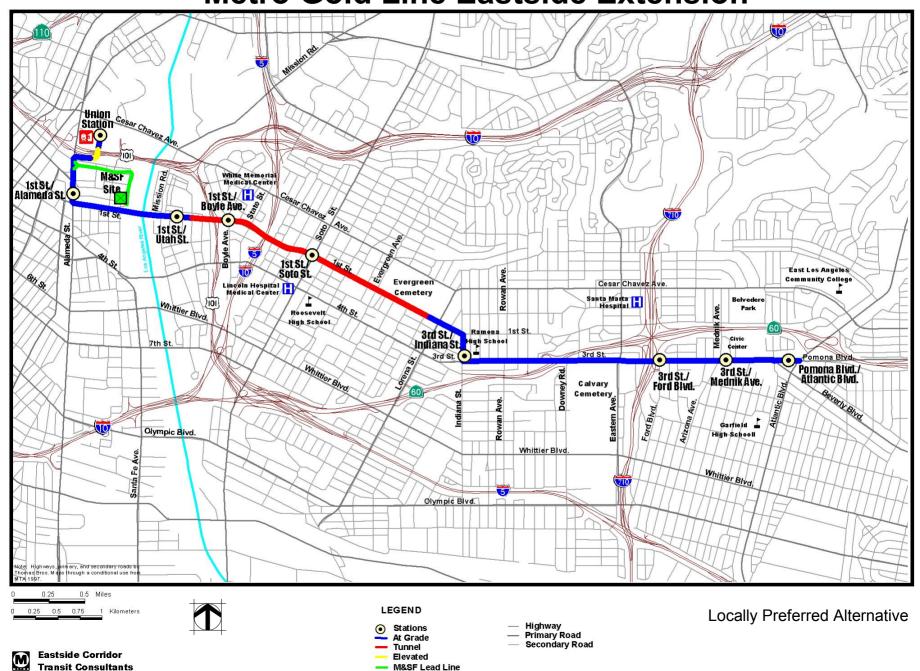
San Fernando Valley East/West Bus Rapid Transit



Los Angeles Eastside Light Rail Transit Extension

- Project leverages \$490 million in Federal New Starts funding to California
 - Federal Transit Administration project financial rating pending
 - Rating needed by mid-April 2003 for Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)
 - STIP funds are rated better than TCRP funds
- Unallocated TCRP commitment was \$191 million
- AB 3090 approval needed for \$191 million prior to contract award
 - Repayment timeframe negotiable
 - Repayment can be 100% federal
- Bids expire August 25, 2003
 - Award of bid needed faster to meet FFGA schedule

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension



2002 State Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Request for Los Angeles County

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

Agency	Project	Existing	Proposed	Change
MTA	San Fernando Valley East-West Corridor	0	98,000	98,000
MTA	Eastside Light Rail Transit	0	191,000	191,000
MTA	Bus Procurement	0	27,832	27,832
Caltrans	Route 5: Widening, Orange County-Route 605 * (1)	219,516	1,476	(218,040)
Caltrans	Carmenita IC	0	36,513	36,513
Caltrans	Route 5: HOV Rte. 134-170 incl. Empire Ave Access Improv.*	76,697	13,850	(62,847)
Caltrans	Route 5: HOV lanes, Route 170-Route 118 **	136,775	128,246	(8,529)
Pomona	Route 71: Mission Boulevard Interchange *	13,263	2,329	(10,934)
LA County	Hacienda Blvd, realign and widen (sponsor cancelled project)	2,263	0	(2,263)
LA County	South Bay traffic signal corridors***	6,588	0	(6,588)
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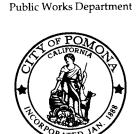
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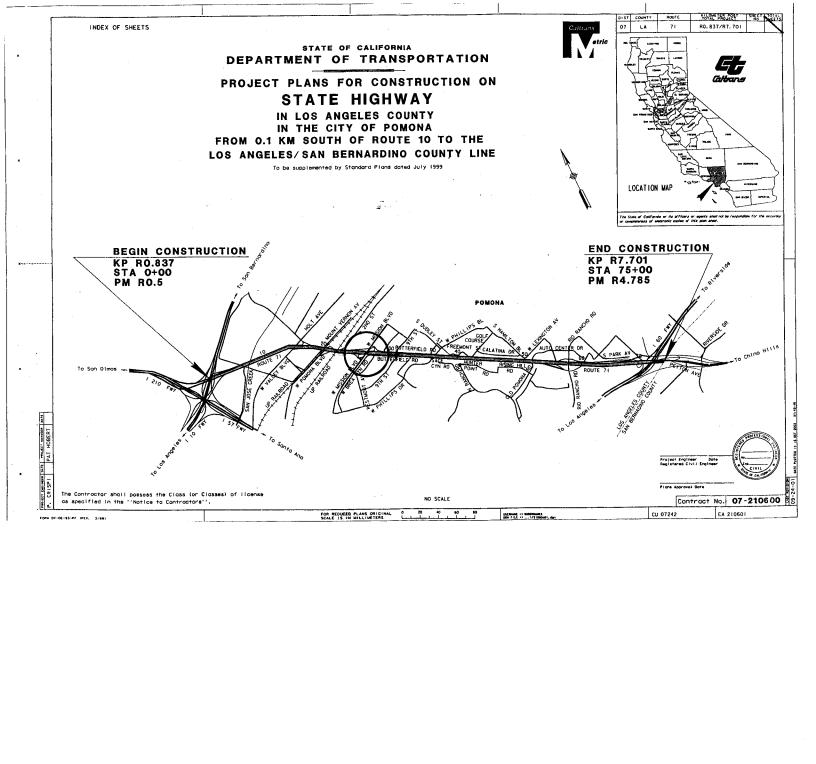
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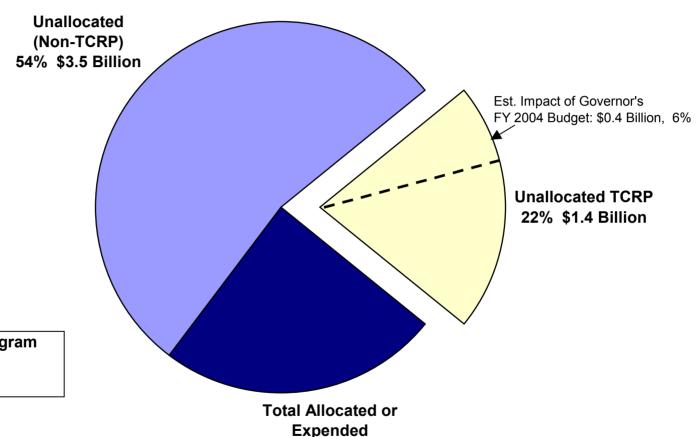


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Summary

- Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)
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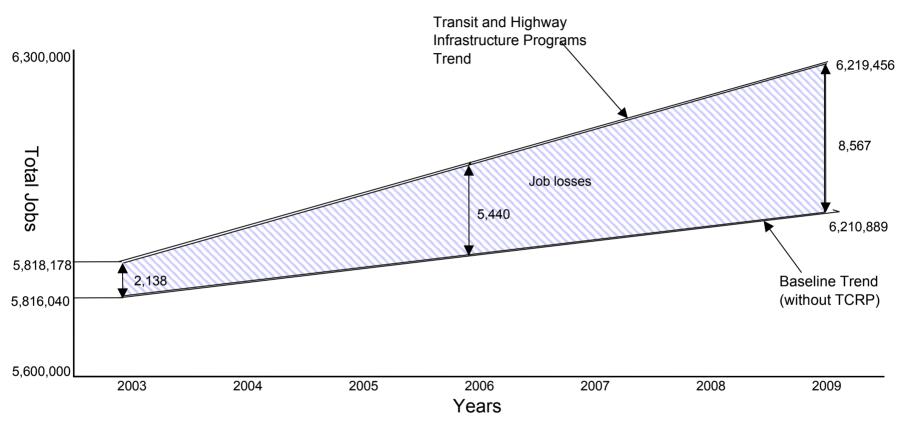
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24% \$1.6 Billion

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For the entire period from FY 2003 to FY 2009, 38,000 annual full time equivalent jobs would be lost.

TCRP Funding is essential to the Los Angeles County economy

• LA is the 15th largest economy in the world

MTA Requesting Allocation, STIP Amendment, and AB 3090 Approvals to Avoid Negative Economic Impacts

Project	Bids Expire	Requested Funds	Total Project Cost
		(\$ In I	Millions)
Pasadena Gold Line Light Rail			
Vehicles (Allocation Request)	April 2, 2003	15.4	114.0
Low-Emission Bus Acquisition (AB 3090 Request)	April 12, 2003	27.8	126.4
San Fernando Valley East/West BRT (AB 3090 Request)	May 30, 2003	98.0	329.5
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Total		332.2	1,482.6

MTA Light Rail Vehicle Procurement

- 28 LRV's needed for Pasadena Gold Line ASAP
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- Bids will expire April 2, 2003
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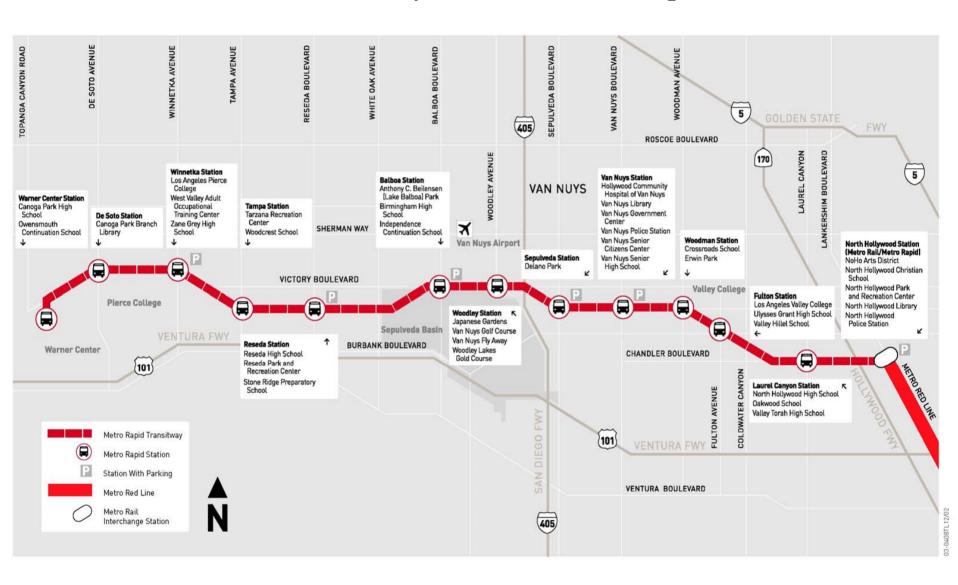
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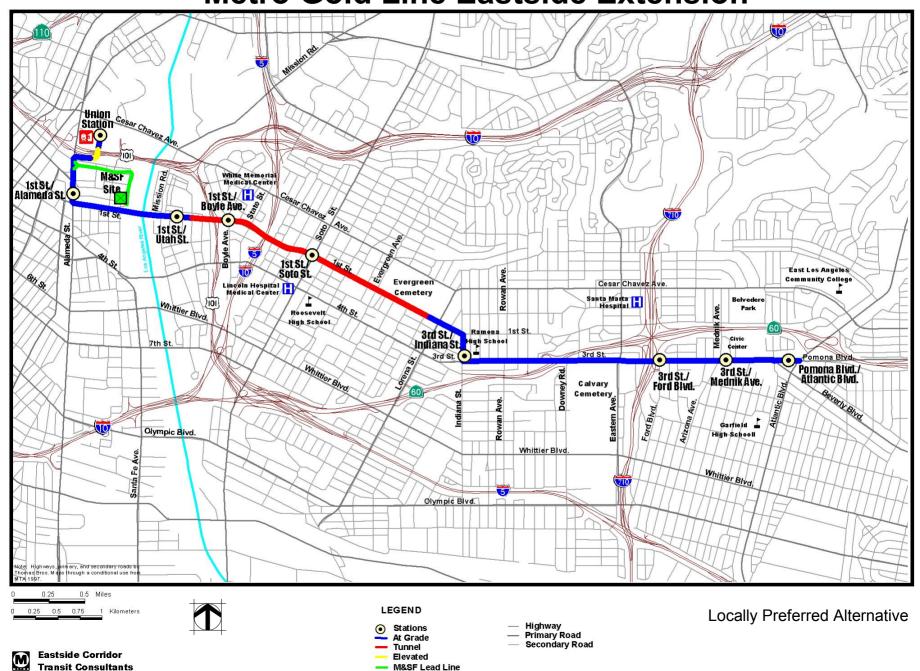
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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension



2002 State Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Request for Los Angeles County

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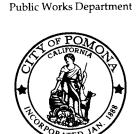
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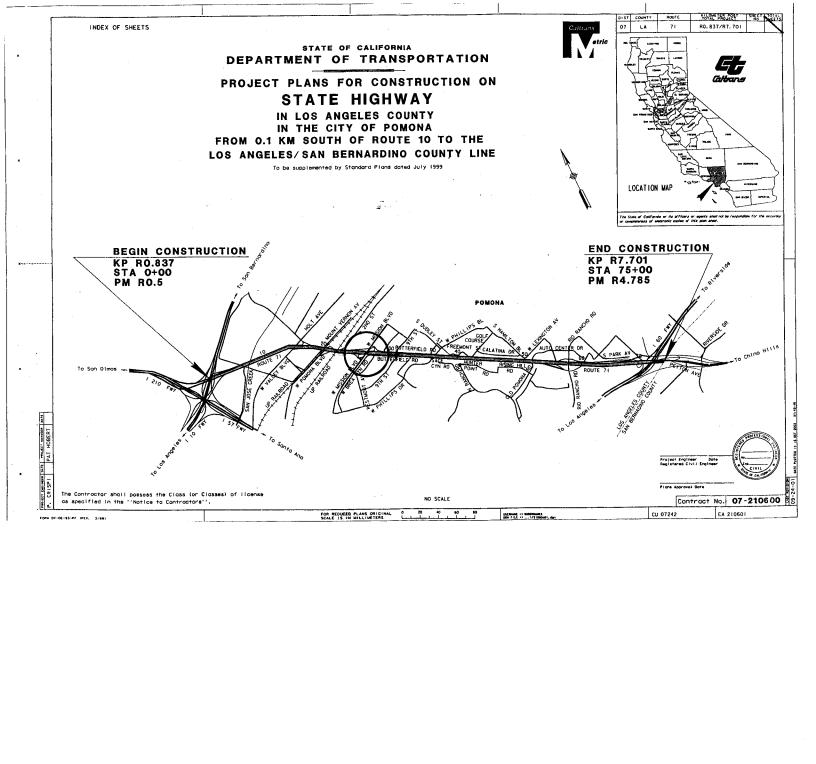
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